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INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA

NEW MINISTRY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- Oslobodjenje, No 624, 24 Oct 48

In consideration of the special needs of the social, economic, cultural life of the areas taken over by Yugoslavia under the peace treaty with Italy and incorporated into the People's Republics of Croatia and Slovenia, the federal government has announced the formation of a Ministry of Newly Liberated Areas. Lt Gen Veceslay Haljevac, a delegate to the People's Skupstina (Congress) of the Federative People's Republic of Yugoslavia, has been named Minister.

GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP IN SLOVENIA. -- Berta, No 258, 24 Oct 43

Dr. Jozef Pokorni, former Minister of Justice, has taken over the duties of President of the Commission for Legislation and Organization of Civil Service as a member of the government of the People's Republic of Slovenia.

Victor Bayla, former Minister for Trade and Supply, has taken over the duties of President of the Committee for Foreign Trade as a member of the government of the People's Republic of Slovenia.

Jose Bustamante, former Minister of Local Transportation, has taken over the duties of Minister for Trade and Supply.

Dr Meliodor Modic, a university professor, was appointed Minister of Justice, and Tone Sustercic, former Deputy Minister, will be Minister of Local Transportation. They were sworn in this morning.

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GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 261, 27 Oct 48

Strahil Gigov, present Minister of Construction, will become President of the Planning Commission in the government of the People's Republic of Macedonia, replacing Kiro Miljevski, who will become Minister of Trade and Supply.

Kiro Petrushev, Minister of Labor, Krsto Simovski, Minister of Forestry, and Asparuh Kanevce, Minister of Trade and Supply, are resigning. The resignation of Kiro Hadzivasilev, Minister Without Portfolio, has been accepted to permit him to accept another post.

The new Minister of Labor will be Boge Kuzmanovski, now President of the Board of Directors of the United Trade Unions of Macedonia; the Minister of Construction will be Zivko Brajkovski, now Deputy Minister of Trade and Supply; Minister of Forestry will be Stoilko Ivanovski, now Deputy Minister of Agriculture; and Minister-President of the Committee for Foreign Trade, Dimce Zograf-ski.

STATUTE OF THE VOJVODINA AND THE KOSMET -- Borba, No 262, 28 Oct 48

A statute of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and of the Autonomous Territory of Kosovo-Metohija [commonly abbreviated to the Kosmet], recently issued by the Popular Assembly of the Vojvodina and the Territorial People's Committee of the Kosmet, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the People's Republic of Serbia, provides the following: Clause 2 provides that the Vojvodina and the Kosmet shall enjoy separate autonomy as guaranteed in the constitutions of Serbia and the FFRY. Clause 3 provides that all citizens shall have equal rights regardless of nationality, race, or religion. Clause 3 states that popular minorities shall enjoy the right to and protection of their own cultural development and unrestricted use of their own language. The Serbian and Albanian languages shall be used on a basis of equality in all government offices in the Kosmet. Proceedings in law courts shall be conducted both in Serbian and Albanian.

The statute will go into effect after approval by the Popular Assembly of Serbia and publication in the official gazettes of the Vojvodina, the Kosmet, and Serbia.

KREN SENTENCED TO DEATH -- Borba, No 261, 27 Oct 48

On 26 October, Vladimir Kren, former general in the Air Force and commander of the air forces of the so-called NDE [not identified], was sentenced to be shot, to permanent loss of all rights of citizenship, and confiscation of his entire property. He had been convicted of war crimes and treason committed during the Occupation.

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